

Senator Dick Monteith's Legislative Package for 2001

	Bill No. & Title	The Issue	The Solution
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SB 431</u> Rural Schools allowed to use reserve funds to pay utility bills</p>	<p>Rural schools are required by law to reserve 3% of their budget for emergencies. This money is presently in the schools accounts but can only be spent in "an emergency."</p>	<p>Allow those rural schools to spend 30% of their emergency reserve to pay for utility bills for propane, fuel, and electricity over the next two years or until the current energy crisis is resolved.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SB 432</u> Dustin III</p>	<p>Victims' families, child protective services, and law enforcement agencies are unaware of where and when felony child abusers are paroled.</p>	<p>Require notification be given to victim's families and local law enforcement of a convicted child abuser's parole, most importantly, including the specific conditions of parole. This would help them in monitoring the activities of the parolee.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SB 433</u> Carl Moyer Program</p>	<p>Many diesel engines (mobile and stationary) do not meet current or projected environmental emission standards (especially NOx and PM).</p>	<p>\$50,000,000.00 appropriation to provide grants for purchase of new, low emission heavy duty vehicles or for retrofitting existing vehicles and equipment to deal with diesel emissions.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SB 434</u> Distance Learning</p>	<p>Instructional programs in remote areas of the state are disadvantaged in many ways.</p>	<p>Creates a \$10,000,000 annual grant program (\$150,000 per grantee) for the purposes of improving distance learning between high schools and some community colleges, and universities.</p>

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	<p><u>SB 435</u> Agri. Tax Credit for Water Reclamation and Conservation Projects</p>	<p>Agri-business men & women place water filtration systems and water reclamation systems on their lands to prevent contaminated water from entering public water ways and to conserve water. Their systems are very costly and place these CA agri-businesses at a competitive disadvantage.</p>	<p>Grant those agri-business entities a tax credit for the costs of these systems to make the systems affordable and, thus provide cleaner water to the public, reduce their water consumption; and allow those entities to maintain their competitive edge in the marketplace.</p>
	<p><u>SB 436</u> Amend Donahoe Higher Education Act</p>	<p>There are not enough higher education facilities to accommodate the projected growth in student population.</p>	<p>This issue is being worked on by a task force of higher education experts to find solutions through enhanced distance learning capabilities.</p>
	<p><u>SB 437</u> Body/water contact activities allowed in Woodward Reservoir</p>	<p>No body/water contact activities (i.e. swimming, jet skiing,) are allowed in Woodward Reservoir.</p>	<p>Allow such activities to occur.</p>

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	<p><u>SB 438</u> Junk Science and pesticide standards</p>	<p>At this time "junk science" is being allowed to be used in establishing environmental regulations and in describing health hazards of certain chemicals - especially pesticides and herbicides used in agriculture.</p>	<p>Sets standards which will require that only sound science be used in setting environmental standards - especially pesticide application standards. This bill is an attempt to parallel Congressman Pombo's "Regulatory Fairness and Openness Act of 1999"</p>
	<p><u>SB 439</u> Human Impact element to CEQA</p>	<p>Current CEQA law makes no provisions for studying and gauging the "human" impact of projects (governmental or private) which effect the environment - now only impacts on creepy crawly things are considered.</p>	<p>Require all CEQA studies to include the human impact on any development - including affordable housing, employment, educational opportunities, transportation, and energy resources provided by the project.</p>
	<p><u>SB 440</u> More \$\$ to Central Valley Schools for construction and modernization</p>	<p>The current formula that the Board of Control uses to fund various school construction projects uses certain "priority points." This results in Central Valley projects being short-changed and most \$\$ going to L.A. and Bay Area school.</p>	<p>Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary the ranking mechanism used to determine which projects will be funded will be applied in such a manner that every major geographic area of the state actually receives a fair and equitable share, on a per capita basis.</p>